

REMARKS

The Examiner's allowance of claims 5, 6, 8 and 9, and indication of allowance of the subject matter of claims 4 and 7, are acknowledged and appreciated.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tillin et al., and claims 1-3 under §102(e) by Suzuki et al. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 4, which is indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the cited references.

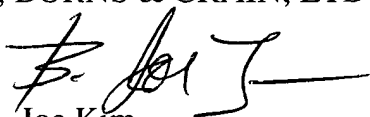
New claim 10 includes features of claims 1 and 7, which the Examiner has indicated are allowable. Accordingly, new claim 10 is also believed to be allowable. New claims 11 and 12 describe features of amended claim 1 and claim 10, respectively, in a method format, and are also believed to be allowable.

In view of the above-described amendments, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, which is respectively requested. The Examiner should contact Applicant's attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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